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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman, Esq.,
Chen K. Shan, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
Chow Tung Sheng, Esq.,
W. Wotton, Esq.,
Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—

THOMAS CARMICHAEL, Esq.—Messrs. Dent,
Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Buttery &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Bankers:—

London: The Alliance Bank (Ld.)
Scotland: The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

SHANGHAI.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
His Ek. Hui Fu Yuen, Esq.,
Ma Kie Tcheng, Esq.,
Tong Kwei Sung, Esq.,
C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

AMOI—J. ANDERSON, Manager.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
Securities or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS
For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1892. [5]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

LONDON:

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
West End Office.....35, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK RECEIVES MONEY ON DEPOSIT.
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE.
Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had
on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [7]

Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous may be secured by
a payment at the rate of:—
£7 7 6 { per quarter if commenced at age
(n.b.)
£8 14 2 {
£10 11 2 {
£13 4 10 {
£17 15 8 {
£27 12 6 {

AFTER the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled
to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TARELS 600,000, \$333,333-33
EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000-00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., Lo Yauk Moon, Esq.,
Loy Teo Seng, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO ANEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891. [117]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parties of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [149]

Intimations.

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED. NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5,
Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on MON-
DAY, the 15th February, 1892, at 4 o'clock p.m.,
for the purpose of presenting the Report of the
Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th
November last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th February,
1892, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. W. MATTLAND,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1892. [135]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty-Third Ordinary MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, on FRIDAY, the 25th
February, at Half-past Two o'clock in the After-
noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the
year ending 31st December, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [153]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary
Half-Yearly MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at
the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the
27th day of February, next, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Court of Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1891.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1892. [144]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-
TERS of SHARES of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from Saturday the 13th to
the 27th day of February next, (both days
inclusive), during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1892. [145]

HONGKONG AND WEAPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the
Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central,
on MONDAY, the 29th February, at 3 o'clock
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st
December, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 29th inst.,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1892. [179]

SHAMHEEN HOTEL & LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

ONE SCRIP CERTIFICATE, No. 163, for
Five Shares, No. 451 to 455, standing on
the Register of the above Company in the name
of Yung Fong Kee. Notice has been received
to stop the transfer of said Shares up to the 14th
February, when, should the missing certificate
No. 163 not have been found, a NEW SCRIP
will be issued in its place.

By Order of the Board,
R. C. HURLEY,
Acting Secretary.
5, Peddar's Hill,
Hongkong, 28th January, 1892. [147]

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

HONGKONG.

(London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

PIANOS By all the best makers in the
World.

PIANOS—New and Second Hand for Cash
at HOME PRICES.

PIANOS purchased by MONTHLY PAY-
MENTS.

PIANOS and ORGANS for HIRE from \$3
per month.

PIANOS TUNED by thoroughly efficient
Tuners.

PIANOS thoroughly REPAIRED, OR
REBUILT. (Estimates given).

MOUTRIE, ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL).

CLERK. Advertiser (English) desires an
engagement, 5 years in a London Office,
and also has had some experience here. First
class references.

Address.

HOPE,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1892. [174]

Intimations.

HONG KONG TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED. DRAPERS, OUTFITTERS, TAILORS, SILK MEN, FURNISHERS.

ANNUAL STOCKTAKING.

IMPORTANT

CLEARANCE SALE, NOW PROCEEDING.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LTD.,

4, QUEEN'S ROAD AND DUDELL STREET.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1892. [41]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. FOR SALE.

SADDLERY.

BUCKSKIN RACE SADDLES.
Hack Saddles.
Saddle Cloths, Weight Cloths, Pony Clothing.
Surcingle, Girths, Rollers, Stirrup Leathers.
Silk Webbs, Headstalls, Cuppers, Martingales.
Riding Boots, Jockey Boots, Boot Topp, Boot-top Liquid Saddle Soap, Brown Leather Dressing.
Orders for Riding Breeches and Racing Colours should be sent in at once.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1892

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

HAVE just received from the well-known Galleries of Mr. Arthur Tooth and Mr. Maclean
The Haymarket, a very fine collection of HIGH CLASS ENGRAVINGS after Paintings
by distinguished Artists, of which the following is a selection:—

MILITARY SUBJECTS.

The Roll Call—Miss Thompson.
Quatre Bras—do.
Malacava—do.

SPORTING SUBJECTS.

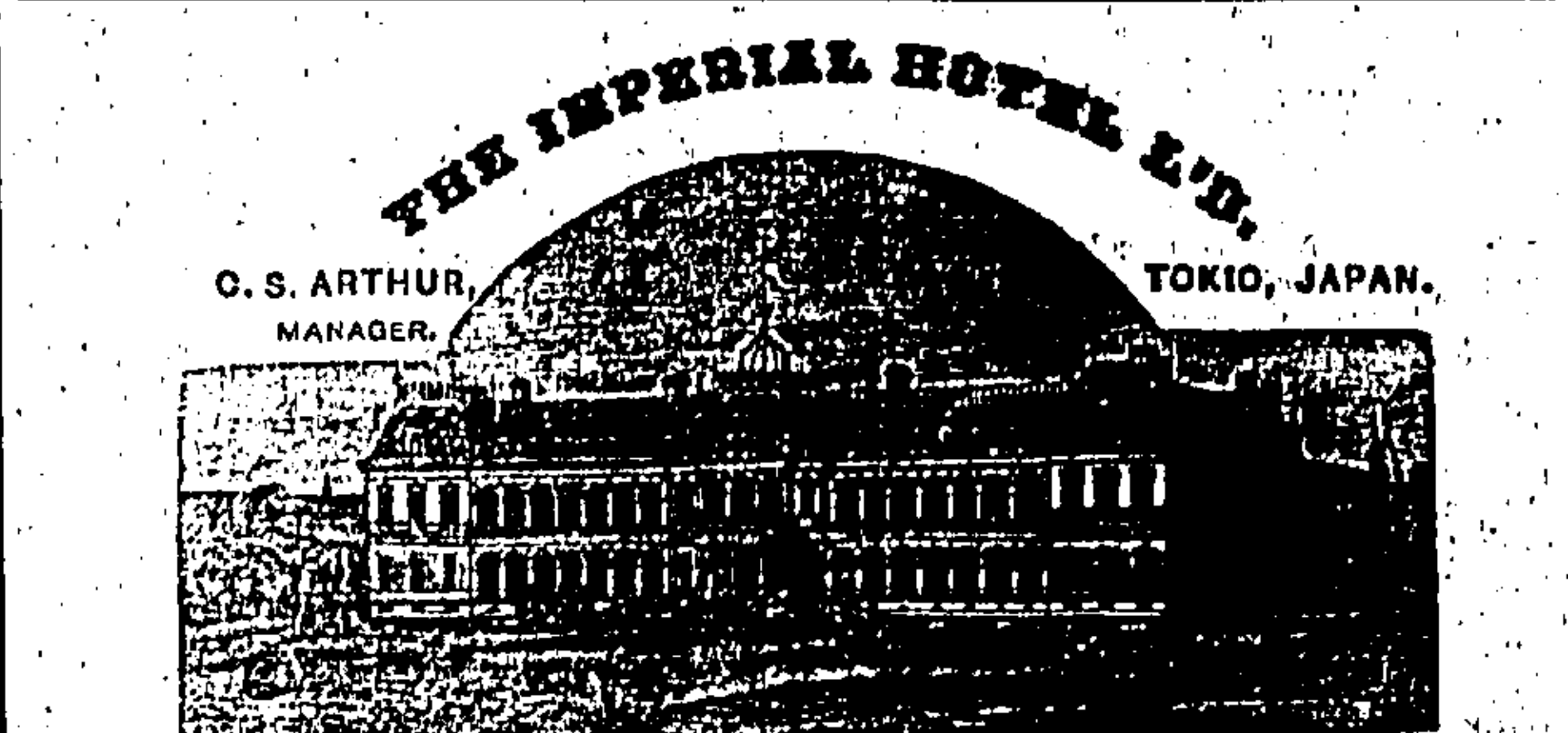
Going to Meet—John Charlton.
Viewed Away—do.
The Death—do.
Duck Shooting—Chas. Whymper.
Pheasant Shooting—do.

LANDSCAPE SUBJECTS.

Rookery—Fred Slocombe.
Return from Harvesting—Julius Breton.
Twilight (Stratford Church)—Fred Slocombe.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS.

Wedded—Sir Fred. Leighton, R.A.
First Words of Love—C. E. Perugini.
Expectations—Alma Tadema, R.A.
Winding Skirt—Sir Fred. Leighton, R.A.
Playfellows—Luke Fildes, R.A.
Caller Herrin—Sir J. E. Millais, R.A.
Henpecked—R. Morley.
Eloped—Seymour Lucas, R.A.
Roussé—H. Dicksee, R.A.
Queen of Swords—W. Q. Orchardson, R.A.
Lost Bird—Marcus Stone, R.A.



THE FINEST HOTEL IN THE EAST.

(Under the distinguished patronage of the Imperial Household.)

THIS fine hotel is situated within five minutes' drive of the terminus of the Yokohama-Tokyo
Railway and is in near proximity to the Imperial Palace, the Parliament House and the
Chief Public Offices.

There are no inside rooms, thus securing well lighted, ventilated and cheerful accommo-
dation. The Cuisine cannot be surpassed, and the aim of the management is to provide for the
comfort and pleasure of the guests. The entertainments of Tokyo are countless, and the religious and
social festivals being of daily occurrence are to be seen at their best and on a grander scale than
in any other portion of Japan. All the noted actors, wrestlers and jugglers make the capital their
head-quarters.

RATES, \$3 TO \$4.50 PER DAY.

C. S. ARTHUR,
Manager.

ROBERT LANG & CO. DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30, SILK LINED.

A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS.

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.

EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.

EVENING DRESS HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.

EVENING DRESS SHOES and PUMPS.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1891. [89]

W. POWELL & CO.

WE ARE NOW SHOWING A CHOICE SELECTION OF

OIL PAINTINGS,
CHROMOS, ETCHINGS, OPHALMS.

MIRRORS and OVERMANTLES in great variety.

W. POWELL & CO.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1892. [1]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY HALF YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will
be held at the Company's Office, 2, Peddar's
Street, on MONDAY, the 29th February, 1892,
at 4 p.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 29th February,
1892, both days inclusive.

J. V. P. DE JESUS,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th February 1892. [187]

NOTICE.

THE SHAMHEEN HOTEL AND LAND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above named
Company, will be held in the Company's Office,
No. 5, Peddar's Hill, Hongkong, on MONDAY,
the 29th day of February, 1892, at 4 p.m., for the
purpose of receiving the Directors' Report, and
Statement of Account of the Company's business
since its formation, of considering the advis-
ability of declaring a Dividend, of electing a new
Board of Directors and a Secretary, and of deciding
various matters of great importance. Details of
which will be forwarded by circular to the
address of every registered Shareholder.

Attention is specially directed to the
election of Directors, to Article No. 101 of the
Company's Articles of Association, which reads
as follows:—

"No person not a retiring Director shall,
unless recommended by the Directors for
election, be eligible for election to the office
of Director at any General Meeting, unless
he, or some other member intending to
propose him, has at least seven clear days
before the meeting left at the Office of the
Company a notice in writing under his
hand signifying his candidature for the
office or the intention of such member to
propose him."

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 29th inst.,
inclusive.

By Order of the Managing Director,
R. C. HURLEY,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. [184]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD CALL of One Pound (£1)
per Share is payable on or before the
12th March next.

Shareholders will please bring or send their
Provisional Certificates in order to have payment
endorsed upon them.

Residents in Amoy and Shanghai can pay at
the Bank's Branches there, and at
CANTON, to Messrs. SHAW & Co.
FOOCHOW, to Messrs. W. W. GIBBS & Co.
YOKOHAMA, to Messrs. E. D. WATSON, Esq.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. [181]

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

No. 44.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th,
19th and 20th instants, they being Race
Days, this Office will be opened at 9 a.m. and
closed at Noon, but work at the Optum Exami-
nation Hall, and the Customs Stations will
proceed as usual.

J. McLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs
for Kowloon & District.

Custom House,
Kowloon, 10th February, 1892. [182]

MISS STOLZ.

MANICURE, CHIROPODIST

AND
MASSAGE.

No. 8, COLLEGE CHAMBERS,
Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [169]

NOTICE.

THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE of PRE-
PARING OPIUM and SELLING and
RETIKING OPIUM as prepared will cease
on the 29th February next. No Prepared Opium
purchased from me or my licensees can be used
after noon of the 3rd March, 1892, without the
consent of the New Holder of such exclusive
privilege as aforesaid.

KOH CHENG SEAN,
Opium Farmer.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1892. [159]

SEQUAH SPEAKS

DAILY AT 5.30 p.m.

WEST POINT,

opposite

THE GODOWN CO.'S WHARF.

NOW is your opportunity to test the truth of
the Statements made regarding

SEQUAH'S WORLD FAMED REMEDIES

—COME AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES.

Take care that the great opportunity does not
pass you by.

SCEPTICS BEWILDERED.

BELIEVERS DUMFOUNDERED.

SEQUAH'S OFFICES,

113, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1892. [164]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE."

Captain Parsons, will be despatched as above
on or about THURSDAY, the 18th inst.,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [155]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
VIA INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship

"PEMBROKESHIRE."

Captain T. Brown, will be despatched as above
on or about WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1892. [178]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"EDENDALE."

Captain Humphreys, will be despatched as
above on or about the 20th inst., instead of
as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. [147]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
VIA INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship

"TORRINGTON."

Captain Berwick, will have prompt despatch for
above Ports after arrival.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1892. [135]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"ELEKTRA,"

will be despatched as above on the 24th inst.,
at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3
p.m. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1892. [177]

Consignees.

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
CHEMISTS, &c.

COD LIVER OIL, JELLY.

THIS is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children speedily grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 50 per cent of the purest Cod Liver Oil, all fishy taste and flavour is entirely covered.

In glass jars at 75 Cents.

COD LIVER OIL, 'GENUINE' NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only in its manufacture, and as we buy direct from the manufacturer, we are able to guarantee it 'Genuine.'

Per bottle, 75 Cents and \$1.25.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

Per bottle, \$1.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

Per bottle, \$1. Per dozen \$10.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

In bottles, 50 Cents and \$1.

BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

In bottles, 50 Cents.

No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus ensuring us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use).

	Per doz.	Per Bot.
A. Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	\$10	\$1.00
B. Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	12	1.10
C. Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	14	1.25
D. Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A. Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	0.60
B. Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C. Manzanilla, Pale, Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	1.00
D. Superior Old Dry Pale, Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.10
E. Very Superior Old Dry Pale, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.10
F. Extra Superior Old Dry Pale, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	14	1.25

CLARETS.

A. Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	4	\$4.50
B. St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50	5.00
C. St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	7.50
D. La Rose, Red Capsule	11	12.00

MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.

BRANDY.

A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	\$13	\$1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	15	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	20	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	30	2.50

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B. Watson's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
C. Watson's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
D. Watson's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
E. Watson's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75

IRISH WHISKY.

A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
D. Genuine Bourbon Whisky, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name	10	1.00

GIN.

A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.50	0.50

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	1.00
Good Lecward Island, \$1.50 per Gallon		

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine	Maraschino
Curacao	Herzog's Cherry Cordial
Chartreuse	Dr. Slegers' Angostura
	Bitters, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1892.

MARRIAGE.

On the 27th January, at St. Paul's, Kandy, Ceylon, by the Rev. E. A. Copleston, M.A., HERBERT FULLERTON DENT, of Canton, only surviving son of the late William Dent, of Chestnut Lodge, Surbiton, to ROSAMUND BLANCHET IRELL, youngest daughter of Spencer Shelley, of Bath.

DEATHS.

At Taku, on the 17th January, 1892, WILLIAM GRANT, Superintendent, Imperial Chinese Naval Yard, aged 40 years.

At Bedford, England, on the 25th of December, 1891, VICTORIA, youngest daughter of F. and M. K. Mann, of Shanghai, aged 15 years and 4 months.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

ZANZIBAR.—LONDON, February 2nd.

Mr. G. H. Pottal, C.B., her Majesty's Consul General, has proclaimed Zanzibar to be a free port.

THE KHEDIVE DECORATED.

The French political agent at Cairo has invested the Khedive with the order of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

STALE NEWS.

February 10th.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has been named leader of the Unionists in the House of Commons.

OUR LATE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sir Francis Flemming, late Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, has been appointed Governor of Sierra Leone.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Shanghai cricket team left for the north by the *Orus* to-day.

"An Old Sportsman" promises something racy for to-morrow's issue.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Anona* left Nagasaki yesterday at 5 p.m., for this port.

H.M.S. *Plym* arrived at Shanghai, on the 6th inst. from Ningpo on her way up the Yangtze.

BALDWIN'S "Butterflies" are playing to crowded houses in Shanghai. The "mystery" business is the most profitable to travel on in these enlightened days.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

STEAM ploughs are being experimented with by the Dell Company. The aim is to effect a saving of outlay on labour, and the growing of better tobacco from deeper and more carefully ploughed land.

MONS. J. de Wollant, the Russian Consul from Japan, who has been travelling on the Lower Mekong, has arrived at Bangkok. The value of the information he has acquired of the country is yet to be tested.

IT was rumoured to-day that Capt. Cunningham, of Shanghai, who is en route to Ceylon in the German mail steamer *Bayern*, is about to bring up to China a new river steamer, but so far as we can gather the report is not correct.

OLGA DUBOIN, the eminent Russian pianist, performs at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night. An undoubtedly talented performer like Madlle. Duboin ought to be extensively patronized by the music-loving public of Hongkong.

"INQUIRER."—Yes, you are quite right, and the matter has not escaped our observation—but *the Inquirer* has knocked all the "go" out of even the tower of our Stock, including *the Goat*. However, a few remarks on recent Share Market business will appear to-morrow.

LOTS of interesting matter unavoidably held over. Our editorial opinions are, no doubt, of great value, and we know that they are highly esteemed; but *news* has the first claim, and our telegrams from the San Francisco papers are far too important to be 'crowded out.'

SQUASH will be off to Macao shortly, so those who wish to be saved from all the ills the flesh a heir to, had better hurry up and chin chin the modern Saviour of frail humanity, The Medicine Man, who has done a roaring business, will visit Shanghai after the Holy City.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire L.I. will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m.:

Overture "La Lac des Fées" (M. Auber).

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THE *Empress of China* sailed from Yokohama yesterday morning for Vancouver, B.C.

THE *Penang Gazette* learns that the Crown Agents of that colony have been instructed to select a Veterinary Inspector for duty in Penang, on a salary of \$150 per annum, with the privilege of private practice attached. Will the Rajah of Rorogam be angry, we wonder?

ACCORDING to our Singapore exchanges all possibility of real fighting may be considered at an end in Pahang. What remains is to secure the Orang Kaya Palsaw to enquire into his case, and to try him. There may be trouble in these things, but fighting appears to be a dead end of the question.

THE Douglas Co.'s steamer *Falton* after running for the past three months between Formosa and Shanghai has returned to her old route—Hongkong to Tientsin via Swatow and Amoy—and at noon to-day sped on her well-beaten track under command of Capt. W. Davis, with a full cargo and a crowd of passengers.

THE Hongkong Jockey Club case, Fraser-Smith v. Ryrie and Others, will, it is expected, shortly come on for hearing. The plaintiff will be represented by Mr. Ed. Robinson, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Henry J. Palmer, the defendants by Mr. J. F. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

"A SUBSCRIBER for Ten Years" wants to know who will win the Derby and Valley Stakes at the forthcoming race meeting. "Tidbit," a very small order, but "An Old Sportsman" has the occasion. He says that Mr. Sassoon will win the Derby with either Thunderbolt or Lightning, and that the Valley Stakes may be set down as a gift for Porpoise.

THERE was a very good attendance at Wood-yards circus last night, when the "Wild West" proved an immense success. To-night the programme will be repeated, and to-morrow (Saturday) in addition to the usual evening entertainment, which will be made more than ordinarily attractive, there is to be a *matinee* at three o'clock, specially for the children.

THE report of the H. & S. Banking Corporation will be found in another part of this issue. It is currently rumoured that the "thirty bob" dividend was only arrived at after a scorching fight, and not without wounding a few of the policy adopted. We shall see; but without going into figures it strikes us that the Directors have acted most wisely in the policy adopted.

MR. G. Murray Campbell, the contractor for the Bangkok-Korat railway line, arrived at the former place on the 2nd inst., accompanied by Messrs. W. Penrice and J. C. Phillips, engineers. The ceremony of turning the first sod, the *Times* is informed, has been deferred for a month, the Royal Railway Department not yet having acquired the land at the terminus.

A VERY large number of seats have been booked for Madlle. Olga Duboin's concert to-night in the City Hall. Mr. Gordon and other favourite artists will assist Madlle. Duboin. This distinguished pianist, who has been known from her previous visit to this Colony, has never been equalled in the East, and as this is to be her only appearance in public during her stay in Hongkong, all who can appreciate pure classical music will be there.

WE direct special attention to the Hongkong Hotel advertisement published in another column. The Directors of this popular establishment mean active business, and in the hands of the present energetic manager, Mr. R. Tucker, the shareholders may rest assured that their interests are being thoroughly safeguarded. In the course of a few days we shall have pleasure in giving some interesting information regarding what is undoubtedly the best hotel in Asia.

THE astronomer royal to the Shanghai *Mercury*.—"The meeting between Venus and Jupiter came off last Saturday night, as per programme, but was hidden from view by a veil of clouds, at the critical moment." A critical moment is good, even if a trifling suggestive of—inspiration, but his subsequent observations and remarks upon the doings of giddy Diana are even better. He says: "Diana got up an opinion demonstration right above our heads about half past six, a complete and beautiful ring round the moon, which lasted about half an hour."

THE *British North Borneo Herald* in a "Review of the Past Year," says that there has been nothing but progress in the colony. The year 1891 was the most promising one, and Sumatra is North Borneo's most formidable rival; but the *Herald* is pleased to be able to chronicle the gratifying fact that in the results 'all round' North Borneo tobacco has beaten the Dell product in spite of 'rings, vested interests and bogus sales,' the actual result being that in a bid market, with all conditions adverse to the realisation of high prices, it yet remains a fact that Borneo has beaten Sumatra at least 50 per cent. In 1891 and 1892 Borneo tobacco is now being anxiously enquired for. Timber also is looking up.

HONGKONG apparently is not the only place where street obstructions are to be found. At Tanjong Bale, Java, recently the Controller of the town finding the passage way under the immediate of the shops blocked by goods, ordered the shopkeepers to clear away the offending articles. They obeyed so leisurely that the police removed the obstructions by force. This aroused dissatisfaction, and several hundreds of coolies out of employment and otherwise idle took advantage of it to raise a riot and beat the police. The latter reinforced soon got the better of them and arrested thirteen of the rioters. The shopkeepers stood firm and the rioters were dispersed. The Controller, fearing a riot among the Malays in consequence, released the ringleaders upon their appearance in court. This step restored tranquillity.

IN its review of 1891 the *Daily Courant* states that the fall in tobacco values had a far-reaching effect on the prosperity of Sumatra. Our contemporary opinion that overproduction of inferior grades of leaf may be looked upon as the main cause of the adverse results of 1891, which 'ruined' so many planters. During the year, over 5,500 Chinese coolies arrived from China, 1,425 from Penang, and 86 from Singapore. Over eleven hundred coolies, old hands, returned to China, of whom 753 took with them savings amounting to \$75,770. The immigration of labour from Java and elsewhere in the Archipelago, is estimated to reach 3,000. The import trade fell off, and shipping business shared in the general decline. The lessened traffic told detrimentally on the receipts of the Dell Railway Company. The Government also felt the influence of the hard times in the diminished yield of the excise revenue farms. The decline of trade showed itself in the closing of many shops. Those which held their ground closed the year with hardly any profit. Cholera, cattle disease, drought and high prices of rice aggravated the badness of the times, but tranquilly continued undisturbed, and the exodus of the coolies took place without disturbance owing to the careful measures of the Government.

THE Malacca correspondent of the *Singapore Free Press*—Several junks have arrived here from China, but they have brought no Chinese servants, owing, it is said, to a report having reached that country to the effect that the young boys who were taken to Malacca were sold there!

THE "Wild West Show" at Wood-yards Circus has proved a gigantic success, and has attracted large and enthusiastic audiences each night. Mexican William, who can ride like a bird, is one of the marvels of the show. He is a redoubtable son of the prairie, and he will be 'beat home' from about 10.30 this evening, when all visitors will be made most heartily welcome. To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain a descriptive account of the "Wild West" business, from the facile pen of our Office Goat, who for the past ten days has been a victim to *la grippe*.

QUITE a sensation has been caused in Shanghai by the sentence of one of a week's *cangue*, which was recently passed by the Mixed Court on a foreigner named Sjarnborg, who is described as a vagabond of pronounced type. To their credit be it said the Press, and the public at large, are justly indignant at the idea of subjecting a European to the ignominy of the *cangue* and notwithstanding the idiotic indifference shown by the man's reputed Consul, no doubt the sentence will not be put into effect. We reiterate the sentiments of our Shanghai evening contemporary and repeat that Mr. Bock, the Swedish Consul, should be ashamed of himself.

THE first case under the new Merchant Shipping Ordinance occurred to-day. Twelve deck hands of the German mail steamer *General Warden*, all Manila men after refusing duty were struck work and came ashore to-day in defiance of orders. Under the old law, the vessel being foreign, the police magistrate could not deal with them in the ordinary way. Under the new Ordinance they were arrested by the police, the German Consul having made a formal request to the magistrate. They will be brought up to-morrow and charged with disobeying lawful orders. Meantime they are lodged in *cangue*, at the expense of the agents of the *General Warden*.

THE Newchwang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writing under date 13th ult. says:—There is no startling news to give you this week, for we are glad to learn from the interior that several of the larger bands of rebels or bandits have been dispersed by the imperial troops. The poor people who cannot protect themselves from robbery and murder have a very bad time indeed, for the brigands, knowing that in any case, if taken, they will be beheaded, do not scruple at any atrocity. The railway which now extends from Tientsin nearly to Shanhai-kou, enabled the soldiers to be moved much more quickly than in the old days, and was possibly the means of staying the progress of a serious rebellion, which had it been allowed to grow a little while longer, would have taxed all the powers of the Government to subdue. Can the Chinese Empire require a better proof of the necessity for railways?

AMONG the many odd things of the day is the determination of the Sultan of Turkey to send Mohammedan missionaries to China. Two Chinese Mohammedans, says the *N. Y. Nation*, have arrived at Constantinople, and have made a report to the Sultan on the condition of their fellow Muslims in China, and he has determined to establish regular relations with them by means of mission stations established in various parts of the Empire. It is announced, however, that the missions will be in no sense proselytising agencies. Their object will be simply to comfort, help, and deliver the existing members of the Mussulman faith in the Central Flowery Land. Apropos of this, a writer in one of the English December monthlies, in an account of a visit to the French and English settlements on the west coast of Africa, testifies once more to the great work of civilisation and social elevation which the Mussulman missionaries are doing among the negroes in that region, contrasting fully what is said to be the attitude of the natives of India. The chief cause of this success is undoubtedly the absolute equality with his auditors in which the Mussulman preacher puts himself. For him no pony phaeton, or library, or drawing-room, or dining-room, or man servant, or maid servant. He is simply a half-clad tramp, living on peasants' food and sleeping on the peasants' floor, but charged with a message which consumes him with its perennial fire.

MALAYS have curious notions in the matter of hallucinations and superstition. We see (says the *Free Press*) less of their curious mental phases in Singapore than on the mainland, where *bandus* plays a large part in the legends of the natives. A Malay man employed by the surveyors lately gave up a good berth to go through a patch of jungle with a bad reputation, and small circumstances readily give birth to household a bad name. Then there is the strange mania common among both Malays and Portuguese, particularly common in Malacca, called *latah*. Persons affected in this way on being startled, generally use improper language (which is not infrequent in other races) and imitate the action of the person provoking them. They knock and scratch and yell and are very much to be pitied, and yet seem quite unable to control their actions. Very curious, too, are the manifestations of *malak gila*, one form of which is the terrible practice of running *amok*, the victim always averting that he did not know what he was doing, being in an exaggerated degree blinded by anger or other passion. Mr. Butler, of Kuala Kangsar, in his monthly report gives the following instances of the case of a Malay, who shot the head of a deer and then, when returning from deer-stalking, there was, however, no suspicion of its being anything but a pure accident. The man who fired the shot said that either himself or his friend was bewitched at the time the accident occurred, for when he took aim the wounded man had the appearance of a large stag, of which he could distinguish quite clearly both the hide and antlers, and it was not until the latter fell wounded that he assumed his natural form.

HONGKONG AND

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"Krenlin"—A. B. C. Code.TELEPHONE,
No. 33.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent to the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

The WINES AND SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

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a staff of about sixteen competent men, some of whom are looking for something to do.

That in any other place but Hongkong work would have been distributed upon a very different system, and "new men from Home" would not have been suggested and obtained for every new work mentioned.

That it is a hopeful sign when the unofficial members of Council begin to probe the questions raised in the P. W. D., and unravel the red-tape in which Department is swathed.

That intelligent remembrance like that contained in the able Memorandum on Public Works accompanying the last Estimates must have its effect.

That, as I have said before, it may be necessary to get at the truth by a Commission, especially as regards the utterly disorganised condition of the P. W. D., the most frightfully costly public department in Hongkong.

July 14th.

That a leading light in the P. W. D. was puzzled the other day over two plans of the same section, and could not for the life of him conceive why they did not agree in size.

That after pondering over the matter for two or three weeks, he was informed by a subordinate that one plan was drawn to the scale of an eighth, the other to the scale of a quarter-inch scale.

That the Colony pays the P.W.D. about a lakh of dollars a year.

July 15th.

That it puzzles many residents to find that the W. D. D. and P. W. D. do not always work together in digging up the thoroughfares.

That even allowing for the delays caused by the rainy season, the W. D. Department still falls in considering the delays.

That I fancy the W. D. D. is more to blame than the P. W. D. in this matter.

That the Water Authority may not be aware of the fact that the Chinese are wasting water to their heart's content all over the place.

That there is no lack of washable or potable water at present, but bad habits easily learnt are difficult to break.

July 25th.

That Mr. Cooper's ideas of "strict supervision" and "due precautions" do not tally with those entertained by the Police Magistrate and the public generally.

August 1st.

That I see reference has been made to the Surveyor General's work being carried on on Sundays.

That one curmudgeon put it that so much delay occurred on the other six days of the week that the seventh could not possibly be given up by the contractors.

That, on the other hand, I am informed that more work is scamped on Sunday than on any other day.

August 8th.

That it cannot be said that the Water and Drainage Department has as yet taken a leading part in the improvement of our sanitary conditions, as that Department now produces more bad smells than enough, but we live in hope even of that department, after it has finished digging up all the stinking soil of the Colony.

October 3rd.

That the brusque Mr. Cooper seems to get through work with an energy which pleases his subordinates, if it occasionally rubs up against the public.

October 24th.

That there can be no doubt the Surveyor General possesses no right to upset the common law, and yet he does not seem to be checked in the least in doing so.

That, if upon a future occasion of obstruction, the residents summoned the Surveyor General, instead of the contractor, the Magistrate's decision would be interesting.

November 7th.

That Mr. Cooper seems to be doing good work, and is infusing a little of the energy required and so conspicuously absent of late in the P. W. D.

January 23rd, 1892.

That the officer now acting here as Surveyor General appears to be manfully attacking the legacy of current law, and I am glad to see all sides that work is now done heartily, promptly and thoroughly by every member of the P.W.D. staff.

That this seems to be the opinion held by the local architects and surveyors, as I hear they sent in a strong recommendation to the Government lately, to the effect that Mr. Cooper should be selected for the permanent appointment.

January 29th.

That the Surveyor General's detailed reports of work and labour done (which somewhat technical) bear out what I wrote last week about Mr. Cooper's ability and power of work, and the efficiency of his staff.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue.

LONDON, January 10th.

Mr. Varley, a socialist who recently visited Singapore, has written to Lord Salisbury, charging the Government with permitting a horrible traffic in Chinese coolies to be carried on in Singapore. He says these coolies are drafted by thousands, almost naked, and thrust into large receiving sheds in Singapore by agents, commonly called slave dealers, whence they are shipped to Sumatra, Borneo and other countries in English steamers and hired out by agents under a system of enforced labour, which they have no voice in opposing, work or pay.

The official list of suits for divorce or separation to be heard at the ensuing sitting of court is very heavy. There are eighty defended cases, and 136 undefended, thirty-five to come before common judges and fifteen for special judges, the total being 275. In addition to this there are thirty-three cases which are to stand over by consent.

PARIS, January 10th.

The commercial treaty negotiations between France and the United States, it is believed, will be completed at the end of this week.

James Gordon Bennett, who has had a slight attack of influenza is about to start for Cairo, whence he will go to Abyssinia.

Five persons were drowned through the capsizing of a boat in the harbor at St. Valery to-day.

Peyron, ex-Minister of Marine, died to-day of influenza. The Empress of Austria and the widow and daughter of the Khedive of Egypt are ill with the same disease.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 10th.

Two Niklits have been arrested at Moscow. It is stated that there is evidence that they laid bombs with electrical attachments under the line over which the Imperial train was to pass from Carmen.

An Imperial decree has just been issued extending to Finland and the prohibition of the exportation of wheat from the Russian empire.

BERLIN, January 10th.

A prominent office-holder who claims to know what he is talking about says that it is generally understood among the inner officials that in his speech next Thursday Emperor William will ask for a new appropriation for that army, will recommend the erection of new defences along the Russian boundary and will continue the recent restrictive legislation in regard to Alsace-Lorraine by suggesting some further radical measures for stamping out the French tendency to cause trouble in that territory.

NICE, January 10th.

It is a significant fact that the Prince of

Monaco is buying up all the Casino shares he can get hold of, probably with the purpose of securing a preponderating influence in its management.

It is surmised that he aims at the suppression of the gambling concession before its term expires in 1913, but in doing this he will come into direct conflict with some of the most influential French families and with French influence that will make it a very difficult undertaking in which to succeed.

The French Government knows perfectly well that if Monte Carlo is closed the Riviera will not have one-tenth the number of visitors now attracted. The windings of the bank may be appreciated when it is said that at the beginning of the season 500,000 francs in this institution were quoted at 1,900 francs, while yesterday they stood at 2,300 francs, and the rooms were in full swing.

LONDON, January 11th.

The influenza is now taking hold on this city. It has been approaching from different directions in the counties, and within the past day or two it has begun to affect some of the suburbs to the north-west. In the northern districts of the metropolis, Highgate for instance, a large number of the residents have fallen sick since Friday, and the police force has a heavy sick roll.

At the London Hospital William J. Dixon, one of the house governors, said: "There are absolutely no means of properly dealing with an epidemic like this in any London hospital; influenza has to be treated like measles in a hospital, yet measles is very fatal. If we admitted such a case we should require an additional 5,000 beds. There are 100 means of properly treating or isolating influenza except at home."

The severe snowstorm continues throughout the kingdom and traffic is badly interfered with. A dispatch from Valencia, Spain, says a violent storm has caused much damage there.

At Tyrone, Ireland, a funeral procession became lost in a storm. The horses became exhausted, and it became necessary to abandon the hearse to a snowdrift.

The *Chronicle* says: "It is probable that it was a lively recollection of the Alabama award that caused a hitch in the Behring sea negotiations. English representatives need to beware of all ambiguous proposals emanating from the other side. We believe, however, the obstacle will not prove insurmountable."

The death is announced of Right Rev. Henry Phillpotts, formerly Bishop of Worcester, in his 84th year.

The *Times* correspondent of the *Daily News* says: "Much indignation is expressed here at native doctors' treatment of the Khedive's case, and there is a general belief that the Khedive's life might have been saved if proper medical skill had been applied earlier."

The local press is unanimous in declaring that the British evacuation of Egypt is an impossibility now.

PARIS, January 11th.

Le Soleil, commenting on the Egyptian situation, says: "The evacuation of Egypt is a problem which is more than probable. The Government will do nothing whatever with regard to Egypt, especially as Turkey is certain to back out of any difficulty."

The *Journal des Debats* denies that the majority and youth of Abbas Pasha justify the pretensions of England to continue the occupations of Egypt, and says: "Europe cannot abdicate the right to interfere in Egypt or resign its necessary supervision into the hands of the English. France will never accept such a position."

For the week ending Saturday night there were 1161 deaths in the city, compared with 1101 of the preceding week. Of the first number 257 cases were caused by diseases of the respiratory organs, and of those only five were attributed to the real grip.

Bad news comes to the French Government from Morocco to-day. The state of affairs there is critical. The French troops are being attacked at the city of Tangier. The landing of European troops is possible.

BERLIN, January 11th.

The Siamese Envoy, Phra Darong Rajapolkhan, is down with the influenza.

The *Kreuz Zeitung*, referring to the release of a Jewish butcher who was arrested at Xanten, charged with murdering a Christian boy, insists that the release was an error. The paper maintains the charges against the Jews of killing Christian children for the purposes of using their blood in a peculiar religious rite.

The *Kreuz Zeitung* thinks England will be compelled either to join the Dreibund or open negotiations with France looking to the joint control of Egypt by England and France.

TANGIER, January 11th.

The English channel fleet, consisting of eight vessels, arrived here at midday, and the ships are now lying in the bay. The "levanter" is blowing, and the anchorage is untenable. After a conference with the British Admiral Sir James Duff, the French Admiral Simons left for Gibraltar.

ROME, January 11th.

The Italian ironclad *Dandolo* has sailed for Tangier.

It is again stated that negotiations between Italy and the United States for the re-establishment of relations are making good progress. It is said the negotiations have taken place at Rome, and that the affair may be expected to be completed soon.

There is a slight increase in the number of people suffering from influenza here, but the physicians do not consider it cause for anxiety.

COPENHAGEN, January 11th.

The influenza here is most serious, although there has been a slight improvement since the last weekly statement, which showed 2208 cases, and even that list is not considered complete.

MADRID, January 11th.

The influenza is attaining serious proportions here, and at Madrid the *Chronicle* says that the hospitals are full of patients and the medical staff is not sufficient to cope with it.

VIENNA, January 11th.

The *Nuss Frels Presse* says Egypt's present weighty affairs require an extension of British occupation of the country.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 11th.

The *Novosti* recommends that there should be a solidarity of union between Russia and France to meet the union of England and the Dreibund on the Egyptian question. It declares the legitimacy of British occupation must never be admitted.

LONDON, January 11th.

Advices from St. Petersburg show that, though the Casar may declare there is no famine in his dominions, already the sum of 65,000,000 roubles has been appropriated by the Imperial treasury for the purpose of providing the absolute necessities of life, to be distributed among the suffering poor. All the money has been expended in addition to the large sums spent through the central famine committee and through private individuals, and yet the wants of the distressed peasants are supplied to only a limited extent. The Imperial treasury has now assigned a further sum of 65,000,000 roubles, which will be devoted to relief work. There is hardly any doubt that some further and larger sums will be necessary to tide the people over the long winter season.

LOUIS CLAUDE BONAPARTE, son of the late Prince Louis Bonaparte, was charged to-day, upon a warrant, with conspiring with William Alexander Thompson, to defraud Rosalie Clavis Bonaparte out of a diamond necklace and other jewels valued at \$200,000.

PARIS, January 11th.

Le Petit says to-day that King Humbert

has made overtures to the Pope, offering to compromise the question of issue between the state and the Vatican. *Le Petit* further says the terms offered by King Humbert, while maintaining the rights of the crown, are fully satisfactory to the Vatican. The paper adds that the Pope is much pleased now the ice has been broken, and that important results will probably follow the opening of negotiations between the Quirinal and the Vatican.

The political situation in Spain, as regards both home and foreign matters, grows more and more disquieting. The financial situation is particularly grave. The Minister of Finance yesterday admitted that for the last fourteen years the annual deficit had amounted to 64,000,000 piastres. It is not clear how Spain will contrive to extricate herself from her embarrassment.

Mr. Floquet was re-elected President of the Chamber to-day.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 11th.

Anti-Jewish outbreaks have occurred in many villages in Penza and Saratoff. The houses of a number of Jews suspected of boarding corners were burned and many of the inmates killed. The *Chronicle's* correspondent at St. Petersburg says: "Crime is becoming rampant in towns as well as in the country. A trader in a village in the Tula Government, incensed at the refusal of a rival tradesman to give him bread to save him from starving, drenched his rival's house with kerosene and set fire to it at midnight, and three women and seven children perished in the flames."

VIENNA, January 11th.

In the recent anti-Jewish riot in the governments of Penza and Saratoff, Russia, several hundred Jews were wounded, ninety houses destroyed and 2,000 Jewish families reduced to beggary. The police made no attempt to interfere with the rioters.

ADEN, January 11th.

The Arab insurrection in Yemen has broken out afresh. The rebels are marching upon Sanaa, the capital city, and the Turkish forces are endeavoring to repel them.

PANAMA, January 11th.

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